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Dr. Bryden's publications include sole or joint authorship of seven books, contributions to twenty-four books and monographs, numerous research reports and monographs, more than 100 conference papers, and more than 30 papers in refereed journals and edited volumes. The main areas covered include rural change, rural policy, agrarian change, pluriactivity, the competitiveness of rural places, global-local relations, relations between agriculture and rural society, urban-rural relations, rural services, rural institutions and governance, sustainable development, tourist development, rural land use, land ownership and tenure, local and community development, and implications of information and communications technologies for rural areas.

He was the Winegard Visiting Professor at the University of Guelph, from February to May 1994 and organized a series of seven seminars on 'sustainable rural communities'. He has been a consultant and advisor to the EC, the UN, the World Bank, the OECD, the Economic and Social Research Council and other bodies. From 1997-99 he was Ministerial advisor on rural development and on land reform in Scotland. He has coordinated three large scale European research projects on rural issues, and participated in many others. Bryden has practical farming experience in Scotland, having farmed a mixed farm in Perthshire for four years, and a hill farm in Inverness-shire for eight years.

His current projects include editing and introducing a book of works by the Norwegian anthropologist and politician, Ottar Brox; editing a book on the European research project on The Dynamics of Rural Areas which he coordinated; and writing his own book on Rural Development in the OECD countries.